

# On the Plains

## Idalia News

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**Halloween Party**  
Area children are invited to the Saf-T-Fun Fest, a fall celebration sponsored by Idalia Student Council and Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance organization. The event will be held from 2-2:45 p.m. at Idalia old gym. Admission is free.

**Book Fair**  
The Idalia Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 29 through Nov. 4 during regular school hours. The fair will be held in the third grade classroom. The family event will be held during the annual turkey shoot. The profit earned will be used to purchase a new set of Compton's encyclopedias for the library.

**Notice**  
21st Liberty Craft Bazaar will be held at Liberty School on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 1-4 p.m.

**Lions Club Turkey Shoot**

The Lions Club annual turkey shoot will be held in the old gym at the Idalia School, Nov. 3 starting at 1:30 p.m.

The children and adults of all ages can participate in shooting for a turkey. The school and other organizations will have food, games and crafts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Family get-together**  
Some of the family of Lucille Helling were weekend visitors. Bob and Janelle Helling of Kersey, Colo., were Saturday visitors and overnight guests. Marilee Helling of Denver was a weekend guest of her mother, Mark and Lisa Klinzmann, Kyle and Jason of Sterling were Sunday guest and afternoon visitors, Myrna and Don Andrews, Nathan and friend, Neil Hutton of Hale were Sunday afternoon visitors.

**Funeral Service**  
Margaretta Vannida's funeral was

held at Love Funeral Home in Burlington Thursday, October 24 at 2 p.m. with Reverend Ralph Datema officiating. Soloist was Dennis Stahlecker and Pianist was Velta Adell. Pallbearers were Kevin Helling, Kent Helling, Junior Weisshaar, Thane Greene, Darrell Idler and Billy Stapel. Buriel was at Clairmont Cemetery at Stratton.

**St. John United Church of Christ**  
St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Next week, Nov. 3 will be communion. At 1:30 p.m. a group will go to nursing homes in Wray and St. Francis.

Bill Carpenter sang a solo accompanied by Betty J. Moellenberg which everyone enjoyed. Sunday was Mission Fest with Howard Peaker of Wray

as speaker about various Mission trips. A special offering was taken for the church's wide mission. The offering will be taken through Nov. 10 and will be matched by Grossclose Funds. A potluck dinner followed and after dinner a video on the church's wider mission was seen then Howard passed around some pictures to look at.

Nov. 4: Confirmation class 3:45-6 p.m. also on Nov. 11 and Nov. 18

Nov. 6: board meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 10: Gospel music program will be in the afternoon.

Nov. 14: By Law meeting at 7 p.m.

Kaylene Helling of Colorado Springs was a last weekend guest and visitor of her parents, Raymond and Joyce Helling. Kevin and Kent and Kaylene attended her uncle Earl Vannida funeral last Monday at Liberty School. She returned home again Thursday to attend the funeral service of her grandmother, Margarette Vannida's, at Love Funeral Home in Burlington.

Harlan Boden was a all day visitor of his wife, Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray and enjoyed dinner with her too.

Michael and Carol Boden of Bakers Field, Calif., arrived late Sunday night to visit Harlan and Shirley Boden and help his father, Harlan Boden with corn harvest. They visited his mother Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center Monday.

Mildred Rolow visited Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray Friday afternoon.

Clark Rolow visited Pete and Fern Allen at Hillcrest Towers in Wray Friday afternoon.

John and Dorothy Whitmore were recent visitors one day of her parents, Clifford and Rulen Like and took some tomatoes home.

Violet Knapp and brother, Virgil Lundvall visited friends Friday afternoon, Virginia Lengel, Ellen Lengel and family and Frances Gunthrie in Burlington.

Derek Peters, student of college at Cheyenne, Wyo., was a last weekend guest of his father, Paul Peters and Sean and helped with harvest.

Christina and husband of California were Saturday dinner guests. Virgil Lundvall of Arizona was also a guest and

visitor enroute to Branson, Mo., and then back to Arizona to spend the winter.

Violet Knapp and brother, Virgil Lundvall visited her friend Amanda Jacobson Monday afternoon who had been in the hospital. Then they visited at Grace Manor Care Center in Burlington.

Orean Branson who has been visiting Violet Knapp and Virgil Lundvall for three months and had eye surgery in both eyes is doing good and left Thursday Oct. 24 for her home at Sidney.

## Archery hunters can help with contribution to disease study

Chronic Wasting Disease is a disease of the nervous system in deer and elk. The disease has been documented in northeast Colorado, southeast Wyoming and southwest Nebraska. To date the disease has not been found in the Kansas deer herd. One captive elk near Anthony however did test positive last year.

For the past several years the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has collected deer heads from rifle hunters in an attempt to monitor this disease. Most of this collection and testing has been in the western one-third of the state. This year the department plans to collect 1,200 deer heads statewide and since northwest Kansas is closest to areas known to have the disease, plans are to collect 300 heads from this corner of the state.

Recently, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officials have learned that the heads can be frozen and thawed out at a later date to collect the brainstem, which is the part of the deer that is actually tested for the disease. Previously it was thought that the freezing and thawing process destroyed the evidence.

"We have not ask the archery hunters in the past to offer their deer heads for this study since the sample size would be very small in comparison plus the man power and time needed to collect the samples would be too great for a small sample size," said Leonard Hopper, district wildlife biologist in

Amber Beckman and fiancée, Joey Huber both of Fort Collins were Saturday visitor and overnight guests of her parents, Larry and Janie Beckman. They plan to get married Jan. 4.

Clark and Mildred Rolow attended open house Saturday at Hardware Hank store in Yuma.

Esther Engemoen of Fort Collins arrived Saturday to visit her sister, Alma Helling awhile. They both attended Mission Fest at St. John United Church of Christ and enjoyed the program by Howard Peaker of Wray. He and his wife, Nancy were both at the missions of the Indians and showed slides and pictures of it.

Colby. "This year we have a facility to freeze some heads and thaw them out later when it is more practical to take the sample."

If any archery deer hunter would like to have his/her deer tested contact the Department of Wildlife & Parks in Colby at 785-462-3367. The time between kill and getting it into the freezer is critical. If left unfrozen for more than about 1 day decomposition starts and the sample becomes useless. It should be bagged in a trash sack and tagged with the hunter's name, address and phone number on it. "This information is needed so that should we find a positive deer we can get back with the hunter and find out exactly where the deer came from," Hopper said. "If you have freezer space that can be used for this put it in the freezer until it can be transferred to the Wildlife and Parks freezer in Colby. If this is not an option put it in a cool place and we can try to get it the next day.

"Hopefully we will never find a positive Chronic Wasting Disease deer in Kansas but we need to make a strong effort to document the absence or presence of this disease."

To learn more about Chronic Wasting Disease, go to <http://www.cwd-info.org> or <http://www.cwd-info.org/>. This website is sponsored by Boone and Crockett club as well as other big game organizations and contains the latest information.

## Beecher Island News

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There were 70 at Sunday school with Judy Willard and Nelson Ekberg giving their birthday offering. Paul Hume was the morning speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family hosted supper Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ekberg, Judy Willard, Connie Ekberg and Laurie Jones and family in honor of the birthdays of Nelson and Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively and Carole Whomble took Doris Whomble out for dinner Saturday in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley took Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent to Burlington where Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent joined them for supper Saturday in honor of Paul's birthday. The Ron Browns really surprised Paul for he had no idea the Larry Dents would be joining them.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath attended a birthday party in Denver for Phil's cousin on Saturday. Coming home they had supper at the Pepper Pod at Hudson with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hume and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood and Sara were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen.

Gwen Cranmer, Kay Norwood and

Patty Lohoff enjoyed lunch together Monday.

Robin Dodge spent Friday with Violet Brown.

Connie Ekberg spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Patty Lohoff, Kay Norwood and Sharon Oestman were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen and Veda Douglas.

Janeen Bezona and girls spent Friday to Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen, Patty Lohoff and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kensey and Sylvia Blessman attended the volleyball game Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood and Sara visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen Friday.

Kay Norwood spent Monday to Wednesday with the Don Oestmans. She returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John England were Friday visitors of Norma Ekberg, Nick Wisdom visited on Saturday and Bessie Dent on Tuesday.

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen, Patty Lohoff and Veda Douglas

visited Mr. and Mrs. Lon Eberhart at Bernice Ekerharts in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Branenstein and family returned home Saturday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus.

Gary Mansfield was a Friday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield. Darla Richards and friend visited June Richers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen Friday morning.

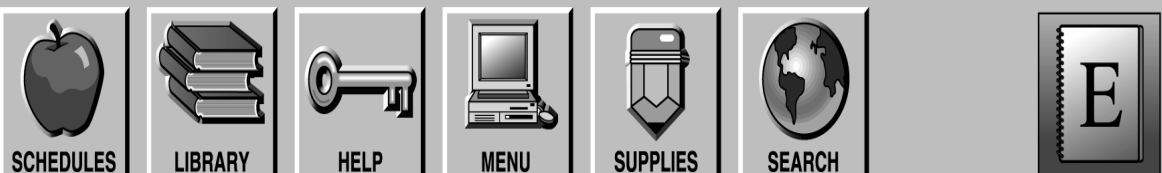
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus and Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador were Sunday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family. In the evening they went on to Fort Collins to attend the 60th wedding anniversary open house for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Zimmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons.

Mr. Jeff Hurlburt and family were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen.

Boni Osmus spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador in Yuma.

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